

Public Scoping Comment Form



We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal review process and return your completed comment form today or mail by September 21, 2009. Thank you.

Which meeting did you attend?

Pueblo, 8/20/09

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Purpose and Need | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic and Cultural Sites |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual / Aesthetic Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or Television Interference |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proximity to Residences | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources (Floodplains, River Crossings) | <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Please provide your comments on the proposed project in the space provided below:

Please see attached sheet regarding our concerns

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE.

Please submit comments by the following means:

- Leave this form at the public scoping meeting.
- Mail the form or a letter to the address above.
- Submit comments electronically at www.socotransmission.com

Please submit your comments by September 21, 2009.

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Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Stephen Mac Karrow
Representing (Optional): Self
Mailing Address: 724 Open Sky Terrace
City: Pueblo State: CO Zip Code: 81006
Daytime Phone (Optional): (719) 546-3612

If you would like to receive electronic newsletters on the project, please provide an email address: smackarrow@yahoo.com

Please fold this form letter style if you choose to mail it without an envelope. Make sure that your contact information is facing inward when mailing.

August 20, 2009

Issue: Concerns about proposed radio tower by TriState

Property Owners: Stephen and Diana Mac Kerrow

Cabin location: 389 Powers Road, Forbes Wagon Creek Ranch

Home address: 724 Open Sky Terrace, Pueblo CO 81006

Phone: Home 719-546-3612, Cell 719-252-0964 or 719-252-2770

CONCERNS:

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| I-074-001 | 1. We are concerned about having a new radio tower built within view of our cabin and thus altering the environment around the cabin, affecting the property value, and adding to traffic past the cabin. |
| I-074-002 | 2. The high mountain environment on our property is pristine and is fragile. We have tried to maintain it as an undisturbed site and as a habitat for native wildlife and vegetation that has been protected from human degradation for a number of years. We would hope that any tower would be constructed so as to minimize impact on this fragile environment. |
| I-074-003 | 3. Access to the current communications tower occurs via right of way on a road on our property. This road travels within a few hundred feet of our cabin. We have received no compensation or other help in maintenance of this road despite numerous vehicles from Tri State, San Isabel Electric, KSPK, and contractors using it on a regular basis. We would like a formal written agreement stating who has legal right of way and what the responsibilities of all parties are. |
| I-074-004 | 4. We would like information on the proposed structure---i.e. how tall, the size of the footprint, what kind of traffic it will generate, and so forth. Also, are there plans to let other entities use the tower? |
| I-074-005 | 5. Have efforts been made to look at all possible sites for the tower along the ridgeline? Has the BLM been contacted about using a site on BLM land? There would appear to be available sites closer to the existing radio tower---have these been looked at? Has the property owner closest to the existing tower been contacted? |
| I-074-006 | 6. Has Tri State talked to the Forbes Wagon Creek Owners Association Board about these plans? It would appear that there hasn't been any communication with the owners association. This project also impacts Forbes Wagon Creek as a whole in that access to the tower would be over ranch roads and because a tower may affect the views and aesthetics of other owners. |
| I-074-008 | 7. Subdividing a lot on Forbes Wagon Creek Ranch so as to allow for a space for construction of a tower violates the existing bylaws established years ago by the owners association. |



I-074-001: Visual and Aesthetic (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to visual and aesthetic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-074-002: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential environmental consequences and mitigation measures from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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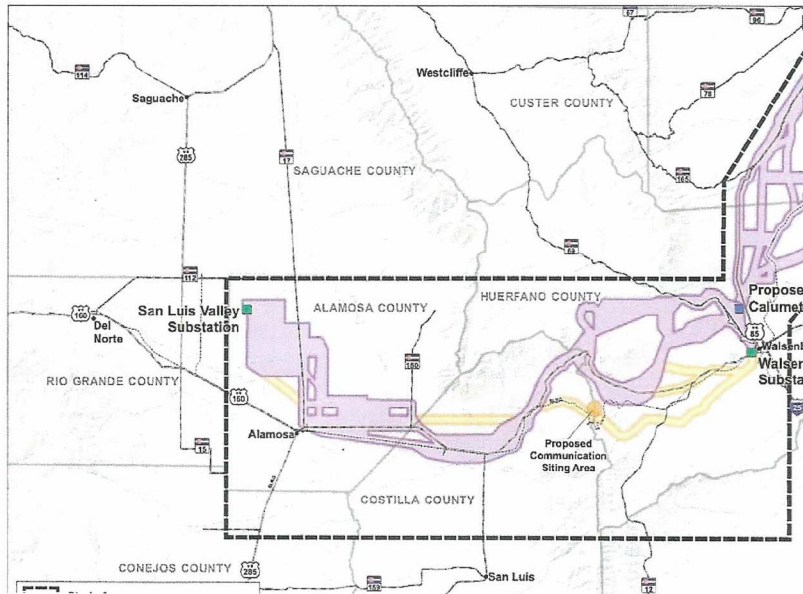
I-074-003: Land Rights (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The process of acquisition of land rights for the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-074-004: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

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I-074-005: Project Alternatives (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment from has been received and your comment noted. A range of reasonable project alternatives and mitigation measures including the no action alternative will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-074-006: Public Involvement Process (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The project is in the planning and environmental review stages. Current project information will be available on the RUS project website, <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm> and the Utilities' project website, <http://www.socotransmission.com/>.

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I-074-007: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

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I-074-008: Land Use (In Review)

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